

passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 883. An act to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands.

H.R. 1553. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 and fiscal year 2001 for the National Weather Service, Atmospheric Research, and National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1654. An act to authorization appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate of the bill (S. 4) to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED.

At 6:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 114. An act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 883. An act to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1553. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 and fiscal year 2001 for the National Weather Service, Atmospheric Research, and National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-3118. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report for the period October 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3119. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-58, "Insurance Demutualization Amendment Act of 1999," adopted by the Council on April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3120. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-59, "Petition Circulation Requirements Temporary Amendment Act of 1999", adopted by the Council on April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3121. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-65, "Closing of Public Alleys in Square 51, S.O. 98-145, Act of 1999", adopted by the Council on April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3122. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-66, "Chief Technology Officer Year 2000 Remediation Procurement Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 1999", adopted by the Council on April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3123. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-64, "Solid Waste Facility Permit Amendment Act of 1999", adopted by the Council on April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3124. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3125. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3126. A communication from the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Accountability Report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3127. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period October 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-3128. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget/Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Accountability Report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3129. A communication from the Federal Co-Chairman, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an evaluation of the system of internal accounting and administrative control; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3130. A communication from the Chairperson, Cost Accounting Standards Board, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar years 1997 and 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3131. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the

Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1998 to March 30, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3132. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office reports for March 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3133. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Children's Equity Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3134. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions and deletions from the Procurement List, received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3135. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to the Procurement List, received May 18, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3136. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A for the Period October 1, 1993 through June 30, 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3137. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B for the Period October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3138. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated May 13, 1999; transmitted jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3139. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of fifty-five rules relative to Safety/Security Zone Regulations (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0014), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3140. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Florida (CGD07-98-083)" (RIN2115-AE47) (1999-0007), received April 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3141. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Ward Cove, Tongass Narrows, Ketchikan, AK (COTP Southeast Alaska 99-001)" (RIN2115-AA97)

(1999-0013), received April 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3142. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Bergen County United Way Fireworks, Hudson River, Manhattan, New York (CGD01-99-018)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0012), received April 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3143. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Dignitary Arrival/Departure New York (CGD01-98-006)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0016), received May 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3144. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SLR; St. Croix International Triathlon, St. Croix, USVI (CGD07-99-016)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0007), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3145. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SLR; Air and Sea Show, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (CGD07-99-017)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0008), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3146. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SLR; Empire State Regatta, Albany, New York (CGD01-98-162)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0012), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3147. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Connecticut River, CT (CGD01-99-032)" (RIN2115-AE47) (1999-0009), received May 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3148. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Anchorage Areas/Anchorage Grounds Regulations; Port Everglades, Florida (CGD07-99-003)" (RIN2115-AA98) (1999-0002), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-122. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia relative to the Omnibus Reconcili-

ation Act of 1993; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 490

Whereas, prior to 1993, federal Medicaid regulations allowed states flexibility in the treatment of assets in determining eligibility; and

Whereas, Connecticut, New York, Indiana, and California were able to establish public/private long-term care partnerships to provide incentives for the purchase of long-term care insurance; and

Whereas, under these partnership programs, if a policyholder requires long-term care and eventually exhausts his private insurance benefits, the policyholder is permitted to keep more of his assets while still qualifying for Medicaid coverage; and

Whereas, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 included a provision, §13612 (a) (C), that discourages additional states from implementing such partnerships; and

Whereas, this provision requires states to make recovery from the estates of persons who had enjoyed enhanced Medicaid asset protection, thereby making the asset protection provided by the public/private partnerships only temporary; and

Whereas, the General Assembly, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 365 (1997), urged Congress to repeal §13612 (a) (C) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993; and

Whereas, the Governor has requested that Congress remove §13612 (a) (C) and allow additional states to establish asset protection programs for individuals who purchase qualified long-term care insurance policies without requiring that states recover such assets upon a beneficiary's death; and

Whereas, the removal of §13612 (a) (C) would make such partnerships much more attractive to potential participants, especially if they are motivated by a desire to pass some of their assets on to their children; and

Whereas, having long-term care insurance reduces the possibility that individuals will spend down to Medicaid eligibility levels; and

Whereas, long-term care insurance, by reducing the Medicaid expenditures for policyholders, helps states control Medicaid costs; and

Whereas, Congress has not yet acted to repeal §13612 (a) (C) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved* by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Congress of the United States be urged to establish a limited pilot program which exempts the Commonwealth of Virginia from the provisions of §13612 (a) (C) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 requiring states to make recovery from the estates of persons who had enjoyed enhanced Medicaid asset protection; and, be it

*Resolved Further*, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Congressional Delegation of Virginia in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

POM-123. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the interstate truck weight limits; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature of

the State of Maine, now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress, as follows:

Whereas, the issue of interstate truck weight limits is of great concern for a number of reasons; and

Whereas, economic development interests in northern and central Maine are increasingly frustrated at their loss of transportation productivity due to the disparity in weight limits between the state highways and the Interstate Highway System; and

Whereas, this disparity has resulted in the diversion of heavy through trucks from the Interstate Highway System to more congested State highways, raising safety concerns in the Legislature and in municipal groups. A fatal crash on Route 9 in Dixmont and a fuel truck crash in Augusta have further raised concern; and

Whereas, an increase in the interstate gross vehicle weight limit for 6-axle combination vehicles, from 80,000 pounds to between 90,000 and 95,000 pounds, is supported by an engineering review that was recently conducted by the Maine Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, a recommendation to increase interstate weight limits is also supported by the Maine State Police, the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, the Maine Turnpike Authority, the Maine Better Transportation Association, the Maine Chamber and Business Alliance and the Maine Motor Transportation Association, now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That We, your Memorialists, request that the President of the United States and the United States Congress amend federal law to increase the interstate gross vehicle weight limits for 6-axle combination vehicles to between 90,000 and 95,000 pounds and maintain the current freeze on longer combination vehicles; and be it further

*Resolved*, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 303. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-51).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. THOMPSON, for the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

John T. Spotila, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.